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Bud:

The attached memo to  $\underline{you}$  from  $\underline{Cline}$  was sent to you by  $\underline{Cline}$  for your review and  $\underline{comment}$  before Cline would sign it. It does not reflect your approach to attacking the NPIC research problem.

I understand from that you want me to write or talk to Lundahl on it. I have told Ray several times the best thing to do, in my opinion, is ignore it. The worst thing to do is to give a long-winded, or a contentious reply to Cline, most particularly because you have now given Red White your recommended DD/S&T Agency-wide research charter.

I would suggest, to bury the matter, you buzz Cline on the squawk box and tell him you don't agree with the memo and are undertaking another course of action--then let it go at that.

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